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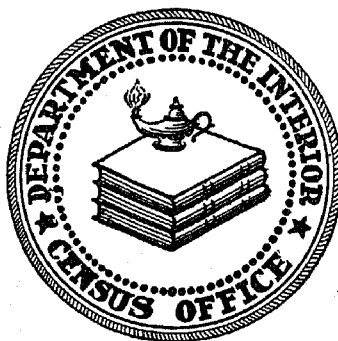
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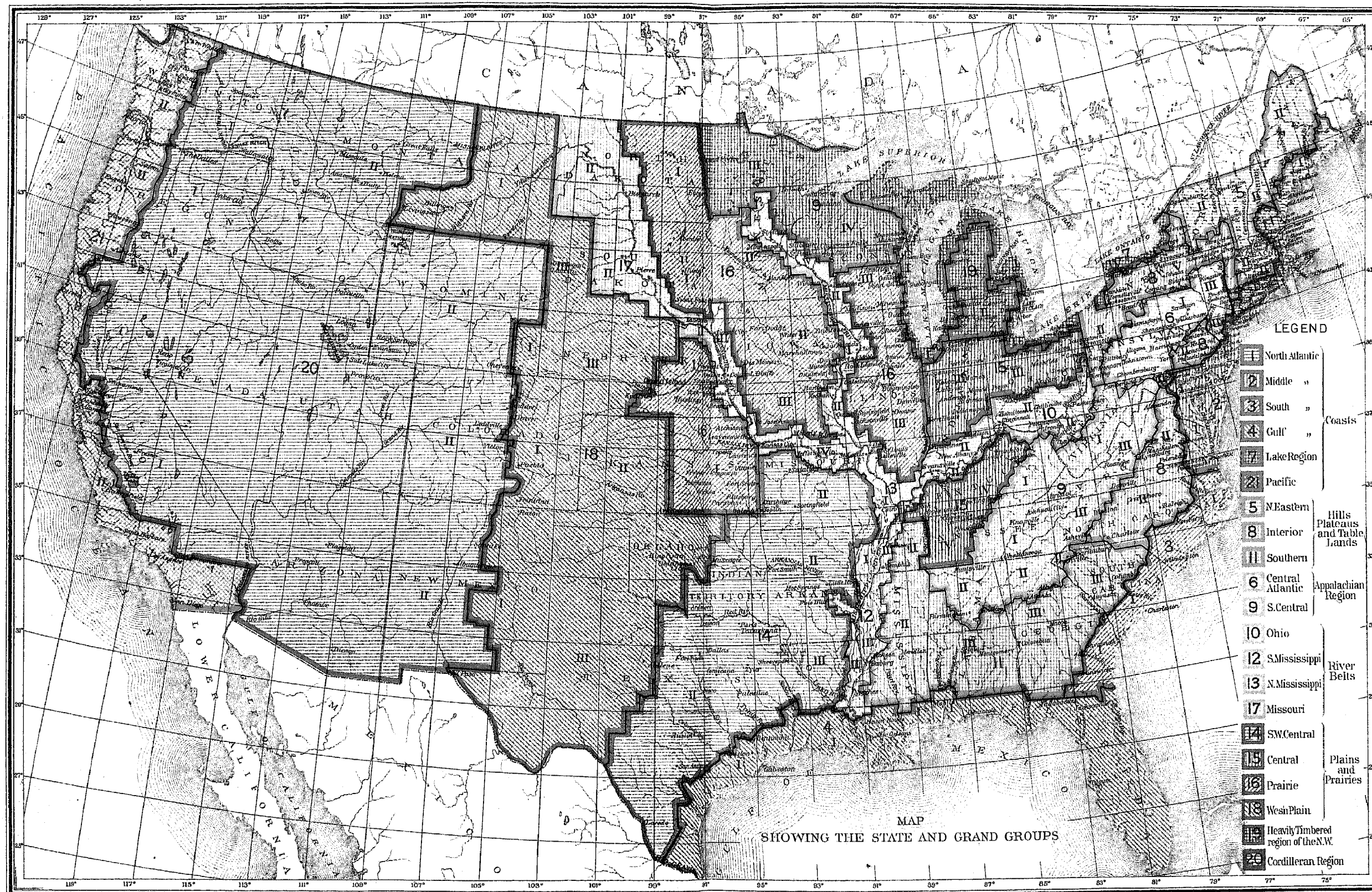
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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
CENSUS OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 14, 1902.*

SIR:

I have the honor to transmit for publication Part I of the Report on Vital Statistics.

This volume constitutes Volume III of the Census Reports, and contains the general tables giving the statistics of deaths by conjugal condition and occupation in relation to causes of death, with the analysis of the results, and the ratio tables.

Part II, which constitutes Volume IV of the Census Reports, contains the general tables giving the statistics of deaths by cause, sex, and age, in relation to color, general nativity, parent nativity, birthplaces of mothers, and month of death in various combinations.

This division has been greatly handicapped in the preparation of the analytical matter by the necessity of waiting for population details involved in the computations. A comprehensive analysis of the mortality and vital statistics requires complete population data, with all the details of age, color, nativity, parent nativity, conjugal condition, occupation, etc., for the same areas as the deaths, and the limitation in time of publication imposed by the census act did not permit them to be supplied in time to carry the analysis as far as desired, or to make a complete investigation and test of the data.

The reduction in space allowed for the vital statistics from four to two volumes has compelled the omission of detail tables that were presented in the corresponding report for 1890, but this has been largely offset by recasting or changing certain tables so as to present the most important facts in every case, and the analysis has been made as complete as possible within the limited period allowed.

Notwithstanding these limitations, it is believed that the very early publication of this report will more than compensate for the decrease in volume of matter as compared with 1890.

In submitting this report I wish to express my high appreciation of the very valuable assistance rendered by Mr. Whitman Osgood, expert chief of division until his resignation, and Mr. Richard C. Lappin, the present expert chief of division. Their untiring efforts and those of an exceptionally efficient force of clerks have made it possible to complete the statistics in an unprecedented time. With such capable assistance the prosecution of this arduous work has been a pleasure.

Very respectfully,

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